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World Journalists Urge Establishment of Nuclear-Free Peace Zones; Meeting Held In Pyongyang

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Journalists from all parts of the world gathered in the DPRK capital of Pyongyang to discuss ways and means to ensure durable world peace and security.

The World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace held from July 2 through 6 adopted a letter to President Kim Il Sung, a declaration, an appeal to world's journalists and a letter to south Korean journalists.

It was attended by 169 delegations and delegates from 118 countries, and 17 international organizations.

The declaration said, "In order to ensure durable world peace and security nuclear-free peace zones should be created and expanded without delay in many parts of the world, which will lead to the building of a nuclear-free world at an earliest date."

Noting that the most urgent task for progressive mankind today is to prevent a new world war and safeguard global peace and security, it stressed:

"The aggressive and war policy of the imperialists, especially, the policy of the thermonuclear weapons build-up by the U.S. and its allies and their interference disturbs peace and security in many parts of the world, aggravates international tension and increases the danger of another world war."

The conference discussed the following agenda items:

1) the task of the journalists of the world against imperialism and for friendship and peace;

2) the support and solidarity of the journalists of the world to the Korean people in their cause of reunification.

In the afternoon of the first-day sitting, Mr. Kim Gi Nam, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union, made a report on the first agenda item.

Here is a round-up of the five day conference:

Second-Day Session

The second-day meeting of the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace was held on July 3.

Delegates of various countries and international organisations spoke at the meeting.

Asiedu Yirenkyi, head of the government information delegation of Ghana, said historical experience shows well that the nature of imperialism does not change.

This urges us journalists to take a principled stand against imperialism, he noted.

The speaker stressed that the current conference should be made to help understand better the changes in different countries and advance the cause of peace and friendship pursued on this high rostrum in Pyongyang.

Noting that the struggle against nuclear war and for disarmament, peace and human rights is linked with the anti-imperialist struggle, Hiroshi Nukui, delegate of "Shakai Shimpo," the organ of the Japan Socialist Party, appealed to the world progressive journalists to play an energetic role in this matter.

Zouvkov Ivan, head of the delegation of the Soviet Journalists Union, declared that the U.S. imperialists' policy is an aggressive and shameless one. The mission of the journalists, he noted, is to expose more actively and persistently this policy of the U.S. imperialists, explain more tirelessly the danger of war among people

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President Kim Il Sung on July 3 received heads of delegations and delegates of various countries participating in the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace. (KCNA Radiophoto)

Mr. Kim Jong Il Visits China: Chinese Leader

A Chinese leader said on July 7 that the visit to China paid in June last by Mr. Kim Jong Il further deepened the friendship between the two parties, countries and peoples of China and Korea.

This statement was made by Mr. Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the CC of the Communist Party of China, when he met a delegation of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK led by Chairman of its Standing Committee Yang Hyong Sop.

Noting that Mr. Kim Jong Il, the leader of the Workers' Party of Korea, paid an unofficial visit to China in June this year upon invitation, he said the principal leaders of the Communist Party of China had a very cordial and friendly conversation with Mr. Kim Jong Il.

He said, "The visit of Comrade Kim Jong Il to China further deepened the friendship between the two parties, countries and peoples of China and Korea."

The delegation on July 6 met Mr. Li Xiannian, President of the People's Republic of China.

President Li Xiannian asked the head of the delegation to convey cordial regards of Comrades Hu Yaobang, Deng Xiaoping, Ye Jianying and Zhao Ziyang and his own to Comrade President Kim Il Sung and Comrade Secretary Kim Jong Il.

Pointing to the need to further strengthen and develop the friendship between China and Korea, he stressed, "This friendship was provided by the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung and the great leader of the Chinese people Comrade Mao Zedong and Comrade Zhou Enlai."

Noting that President Kim Il Sung advanced the proposal for founding a Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo at the Sixth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, he said China fully supports this proposal.

S. Korean Students Continue to Demonstrate

Despite Chon junta's harsh crackdown on the student movement, south Korean students are continuing their struggle to restore freedom and democracy on their campus.

On June 23, students of Dongguk University in Seoul staged an anti-"government" demonstration on their campus.

Police arrested two students of the private institution on charges of violation of the law on assembly and demonstration.

This year, students of Dongguk University were the first to stage an anti-Chon Du Hwan demonstration on March 7.

On June 21 and 28, students of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies took protest actions on their campus.

Some 200 students of the private university in Seoul on June 21 held a rally and staged an on-campus demonstration, chanting slogans against fascist dictatorship and for democracy.

Students scattered anti-"government" handbills carrying "Declaration of Struggle for Democracy."

Police arrested Li Byong Ho and Li Ryong Gwan (their ages and majors unknown) who took the lead in the demonstration by invoking the notorious law on banning all forms of anti-"government" assemblies and demonstrations.

On June 28, students staged another campus demonstration, scattering some 200 copies of anti-Chon Du Hwan leaflets reading "Tell, ye history about the nation trampled upon."

Police arrested two students who played a leading part in the demonstration.

Earlier on June 14, some 500 girls of Ewha Womans University, a prestigious girls' school in Seoul, staged an anti-"government" demonstration.

The demonstration was started by Cho Yu Ae (22) and Kim Son Gum (21) when they scattered some 300 copies of anti-"government" leaflets entitled "The June Declaration for Struggle for Democracy."

More than 500 students responded to their call for protest action for freedom and democracy.

They staged the demonstration for 3 hours chanting slogans calling for campus freedom.

The two were arrested by police on June 16.

South Korean authorities said on June 14 that a total of 116 college students were arrested for having taken campus protest actions.

They also said that there were a total of 128 students' campus protest actions, including demonstrations, gatherings and distribution of anti-"government" printed matters.

The number of campus protest represents an increase by three times over the same period of last year.

Encouraged by Mr. Kim Yong Sam's valiant action for democracy, students will continue to demonstrate untill they achieve their goal – restoration of freedom and democracy on their campus and the country.

Let Us Shatter Imperialist Moves towards Aggression and War and Safeguard Peace And Independence

Speech of President Kim Il Sung

President Kim Il Sung arranged a grand banquet on July 3 at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honor of participants in the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace and made a speech.

Follows the full text of his speech titled "Let Us Shatter Imperialist Moves towards Aggression and War and Safeguard Peace and Independence":

Esteemed delegates,
Comrades and friends,

The World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace which opened focussing great expectations and interest of progressive journalists and people the world over, is going on successfully thanks to the lofty cooperative spirit and sincere efforts of you delegates.

Our people are very happy that here at our capital city of Pyongyang where the Anti-U.S. World Journalists' Conference was held 14 years ago, another global meeting of progressive journalists has been convoked to oppose imperialism, safeguard peace and strengthen friendship and solidarity among peoples.

Allow me to welcome warmly all of you delegates who have come from different continents carrying with you noble ideas of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace and warm feelings of amity towards our people.

It is of great significance that world progressive men and women of the press are gathered together to promote fraternity, exchange experience and discuss common struggle tasks and action programme. This world conference of journalists will be an important occasion in shattering imperialist manoeuvres for aggression and war, defending global peace and security and achieving the people's cause of *chajusong*.

You journalist delegates and men of the press from various countries attending the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace, are close friends and dependable comrades-in-arms of our people. Progressive people of the press throughout the world have fought with our people in the same ranks against imperialism for independence and have worked actively to support our people's struggle for the indepedent, peaceful reunification of the country and the building of socialism. During the month of joint struggle against U.S. imperialism when our people are marking the 30th anniversary of the historic victory of the Fatherland Liberation War, numerous foreign journalist delegates and people of the press are in our country to condemn U.S. imperialism and raise the voices of justice for peace and independence. This is a tremendous support and encouragement for our people.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the justice- and peace-loving progresive people of the press of the world for their positive support and encouragement for our people's revolutionary cause.

Comrades and friends,

The world situation is more complicated and strained now than ever before. Owing to the imperialist moves towards aggression and war, peace is being disturbed in many parts of the globe, the danger of a new war increased and the sovereignty of countries and nations violated. U.S. imperialists who seek world hegemony are openly resorting to the "policy of strength"; they are expanding armaments and reinforcing their armed forces of aggression on a large scale, while at the same time scheming to strengthen the NATO, an aggressive military bloc, deploy new types of nuclear weapons in Europe and increase military bases of aggression in many parts of the world, including the Indian Ocean. U.S. and other imperialists are intensifying aggressive activities to unleash a new war in various areas of the world. In the Middle East and Southern Africa the imperialists are instigating Zionists and South African racists to increase aggressions and interventions and in Central America, they are perpetrating heinous armed interventions and subversive activities against the countries which have achieved national independence and go along the road to independence against imperialism.

U.S. imperialists' new war moves are assuming a very grave and dangerous character in the Far East, which includes our country. In accordance with their aggressive Asian strategy, they are expanding their military bases in and around south Korea and bringing in a huge amount of nuclear weapons and other sophisticated means of war, while hastening the formation of a U.S.-Japan-south Korea triangular military alliance. U.S. imperialists who have stationed their armed forces of aggression more than 40,000 strong in south Korea and shipped in over 1,000 nuclear weapons and many other weapons of mass destruction are staging one large-scale war exercise after another against the northern half of our Republic. Of late they are trying to deploy in south Korea even neutron weapons which are causing the unanimous protest and denunciation of the world's people. Thus south Korea has now become a most dangerous powder magazine and a U.S. base of nuclear war. And in our country there has been created an extremely tense situation which may spark off a war at any moment.

Because of U.S.-led imperialists' activities, the world's people are at the crossroad to war or peace, independence or enslavement. To oppose aggression and war and safeguard peace and independence is the most urgent and solemn task now confronting the progressive people throughout the world.

It is the unanimous desire of the people to live peacefully in a world free from aggression and war, and subjugation and oppression. Only when peace is ensured, can the peoples of all countries successfully build a new, blissful society with their creative labour.

Averting war and safeguarding peace is a particularly urgent problem for the peoples of newly-emerging countries. Political independence already achieved by these peoples is only the first step towards the complete national independence and the building of a new society. Political independence can be firmly safeguarded and consolidated only when it is guaranteed by economic independence. For newly-emerging peoples to consolidate their national independence and build a new, happy society, they must eliminate the famine and poverty left over by colonialists and build a firm independent national economy. The people need not war but peace in building a new society. When a lasting world peace is guaranteed, newly-emerging peoples can succeed in promoting their struggle for the complete independence of their countries and the building of a new society.

World peace can be ensured and safeguarded only through the struggle against imperialism.

All the peace-loving people of the world should unite closely under the banner of independence against imperialism and wage a resolute struggle against imperialist moves for aggression and war. They should make a concentrated attack particularly on U.S. imperialists, the main force of aggression and war and the heinous strangler of peace and independence, and thus prevent them from recklessly invading other countries and igniting war. The world's people should strive to check and frustrate U.S. and other imperialists' manoeuvres for expansion of armaments and reinforcement of armed forces and compel them to withdraw their aggressive military bases and armed forces from other countries. They should also strive to break up all military blocs, establish and expand nuclear-free, peace zones in many areas of the world, and realize the general and complete disarmament.

The world's people should fight vigorously for freedom and independence to liquidate all manner of colonialism and dominationism, achieve the complete, ultimate liberation of nations, and hold fast to *chajusong*, thus making the whole world independent.

It is not until the independence of the whole world if realized that the danger of war will be completely removed and a durable peace ensured on the globe, and humanity will be able to enjoy a happy life to their hearts' content in a safe and prosperous world.

Progressive men of the press are righteous fighters striving to oppose all social evils and unjustices and to realize the people's aspirations and desires. They should fight determinedly against imperialist moves towards aggression and war and in defence of peace and independence, so as to fulfil their lofty mission and function assigned them by history and the people at the present time.

The pens in the hands of progressive men of the press should be a mighty weapon against imperialists, and their writings should serve as letters of denunciation against the enemies of peace.

Progressive men of the press the world over should sharply expose the imperialist activities for expansion of armaments and reinforcement of armed forces and scathingly condemn the unpardonable crimes of U.S. imperialists who are bent on driving mankind into nuclear holocaust. They should lay bare the aggressive nature and crafty neocolonialist methods of imperialism, strongly oppose its ideological and cultural penetration and all manner of reactionary propaganda and decisively crush the enemy's reactionary ideological offensive with a revolutionary counteroffensive.

They should disseminate to the world the just struggles of the peoples fighting against imperialism and for peace and independence and raise the voices of international solidarity and make every possible effort to render positive support and encouragement to the fighting peoples.

Friendship and solidarity are the common aspirations of the peoples fighting for peace and independence and a sure gurantee of victory. The progressive people of the world can fully realize their desires and ideals only when they firmly unite politically and have close economic and technological cooperation by strengthening their bonds of friendship under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Through their activities, progressive favourable international conditions for the unity and cooperation of the world's progressive people and widely introduce and propagandize the achievements and experiences gained by the people in the anti-imperialist struggle and in the building of a new society.

Newly-emerging countries are now achieving great successes in their endeavours to build a new society and have many good experiences and techniques for mutual exchange and cooperation. Progressive men of the press should give wide publicity to the successes and experiences gained by the people in the building of a new society and thus contribute actively to developing economic and technological interchange and cooperation among newly emerging nations and establishing a prosperous, new world.

If progressive men and women of the press in all countries are to discharge their noble mission and role, they should increase their unity and cooperation. Based on their lofty ideas of friendship, solidarity and cooperation, they should visit each other, share experiences, strengthen solidarity, and closely cooperate and keep pace with each other in their professional activities.

It is the consistent foreign policy of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to fight against imperialism, safeguard peace and independence and increase friendship and solidarity with the peoples of all countries.

As in the past, so in the future, the Korean people will firmly adhere to their steadfast anti-imperialist stand and fight positively to oppose U.S. imperialist activities for aggression and safeguard world peace and security.

Our people will actively support and encourage all the peoples who are fighting on the anti-imperialist front for a common goal. We strongly support the peoples of all countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, including those in the Middle East, Southern Africa and Central America, who are fighting to oppose imperialism and all dominating forces, attain national independence and build a new society; we express firm solidarity with the European peoples in their struggle to ease tension and ensure peace and security in Europe.

The struggle of the Korean people for the country's reunification is a major link in the whole chain of the struggle to check and frustrate U.S. imperialist manoeuvres of aggression and war and to safeguard world peace and security. The withdrawal of U.S. troops from south Korea and the reunification of Korea is the only way to eliminate the source of war and maintain peace in Korea and the Far East and, further, ensure global peace and security.

The main obstacle in the way of Korea's independent, peaceful reunification at present is the occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialist army of aggression and the U.S. interference in our internal affairs. If U.S. imperialists pull out of south Korea and stop meddling in our own business, the people of north and south Korea would join hands and reunify the country peacefully by their own efforts. With the active support and encouragement of the world's progressive people, we will force the U.S. imperialist aggression army out of south Korea and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country, so as to realize the national aspiration and, at the same time, carry out our important mission in the international cause of independence against imperialism.

The DPRK Government and the Korean people will strive to strengthen their unity with the peoples of socialist and non-aligned countries and other progressive people of the world and to promote the relations of friendship and cooperation with all countries which are friendly towards our country.

The Korean men of the press, in firm unity with their progressive foreign colleagues, will wage a resolute struggle to make an active contribution to humanity in the sacred common cause of building a new world, free of imperialism, colonialism, aggression and war.

Progressive men of the press are proud pioneers of the times and brave public and political figures. The world's progressive people of the press should firmly unite under the banner of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace and carry on vigorous revolutionary writing activities, thereby making the voices of justice ring out more loudly throughout the globe.

I heartily wish you delegates and the progressive men and women of the press all over the world a great success in your work, and here at this place overflowing with revolutionary ardour and friendship, may I propose a toast:

To the triumph of the cause of independence against imperialism,

To the lasting peace and security of the world,

To the friendship and solidarity of the world's peace-lovers,

To the health of you delegates and the world's progressive people of the press and

To the health of all comrades and friends present here.

Declaration of World Conf. of Journalists against Imperialism and For Friendship, Peace

PYONGYANG, JULY 7 (KCNA) – The World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and Friendship and for Peace which closed here on July 6 adopt ed a declaration.

Follows the full text of the declaration:

The World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace was held in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea between July 2-6, 1983.

The conference was attended by 169 delegations and delegates from 118 countries, and 17 international organizations.

The conference discussed the following agenda items: the "task of the journalists of the world against imperialism and for friendship and peace" and the "support and solidarity of the journalists of the world to the Korean people in their cause for reunification."

Firmly resolved to oppose imperialism and colonialism, to safeguard world peace and security and to strengthen friendship among the people, the participants in the conference declare as follows:

1

It is the priority task of the world progressive journalists at present to prevent the danger of a new world war and safeguard world peace and security.

The aggressive and war policy of the imperialists, especially, the policy of the thermonuclear weapons build-up by the U.S. and its allies and their interference disturbs peace and security in many parts of the world, aggravates international tension and increases the danger of another world war.

Today, mankind is at the crossroad: Either a new world war or peace.

The danger of another world war breaking out at any moment exists not only in Northeast Asia surrounding the Korean Peninsula and the Middle East but also in Southern Africa, in the Indian Ocean, Central America, the Caribbean region, Europe and other parts of the world.

In accordance with the U.S. strategy of world supremacy the moves to establish an aggressive tripartite military allinace has reached the final stage in the Northeast Asian region, and huge military forces and weapons of mass destruction including nuclear weapons are amassed in and around south Korea. The United States has turned south Korea into its colony and military base and a springboard of aggression and war in the Far East, continuously waging large-scale combined military exercises with Japan and south Korea. Recently the U.S. imperialists staged their "Global Shield 83" military exercise by mobilizing the huge U.S. armed forces in the Pacific region.

The Middle East remains a dangerous source of the international tension. The Israeli aggression against peaceful Lebanon and the people of Palestine is one of the bloodiest crimes committed by the imperialists on Arab territory. Backed by the U.S., the Israeli ruling cricles are preparing a new aggressive war against the Arab people.

In Africa with its important and still untapped resources, imperialism – under the pretext of growing interest – is waging a large-scale campaign of destabilization and aggression against a number of states.

In the south of Africa, imperialism has established a tripartite military and economic alliance /U.S.A., Israel and South Africa/ to maintain a regime of fascist and racialist dictatorship in Pretoria, practising a policy of repression designed to stifle the just liberation struggle of the people of Namibia and South Africa and to destabilize, politically and economically, the revolutionary regimes in Angola and Mozambique.

In the region of the Indian Ocean, American imperialists, in an effort to maintain their world supremacy, keep a gigantic nuclear air and naval base on Diego Garcia, an island unjustly separated from Mauritius whose population was deported by military means, and they maintain permanently a large navy patrolling all over the region.

In Latin America the U.S. is waging an armed intervention against the people fighting for freedom and independence in the Central American and the Caribbean regions, egging reactionary forces in those regions on to resort to ceaseless military threats, subversion and sabotage against the progressive countries with the ambition to maintain their hold on Latin America as their permanent hereditary estate, through sending out military and other advisers, mercenaries, arms, equipment and all manner of economic aid for the reactionary regimes of Central America to be able to resist the popular masses.

In Europe, the U.S. imperialists keep on bringing pressure to bear on their allies to increase armaments in order to beef up the aggressive forces of NATO in Europe and attempt to extensively reinforce their thermonuclear weapons in defiance of the opposition of the people in the region, thus extremely aggravating the situation.

The most urgent task for progressive mankind today is to prevent a new world war and safeguard global peace and security.

Peace and security in the world will not be maintained until all means of aggression and war have been completely eliminated and until all the conditions for the establishment of a new world economic order have been met.

The conference vehemently denounced the imperialists for their manoeuvres to step up the arms race and step up tension, fooling the popular masses.

In order to ensure durable world peace and security nuclear-free peace zones should be created and expanded without delay in many parts of the world, which will lead to the building of a nuclear-free world at an earliest date.

Dark clouds of nuclear war hover over every continent. The U.S. imperialist warlords are advancing the theory of nuclear warfare not only on the earth but even in space.

The conference denounced the U.S. for its scheme to deploy a new type of nuclear weapons in many parts of the world and for threatening to use them.

The conference affirmed that such manoeuvrings on the part of the U.S. imperialists can only give rise to a new round of the arms race.

The conference demanded that an end be put to the development, testing, manufacture and stockpiling of nuclear, chemical and bacteriological weapons, and supported all the relevant proposals and initiatives raised by the socialist countries and the non-aligned countries.

The conference demands the immediate cessation of all testing of nuclear weapons, passage of nuclear armed vessels and dumping of nuclear wastes in the Pacific Ocean.

The conference actively supported all the initiatives intended to create and expand nuclear-free, peace zones everywhere in the world including Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

The conference expressed its support for the Malagasy initiative to call a summit meeting of the neighboring countries and great power with a view to turning the Indian Ocean into a nuclear-free zone of peace without foreign troops or bases.

The conference appreciates efforts taken by those countries which have responded favourably to this proposal, and invites others to do likewise forthwith.

Emphasizing the necessity for guaranteeing equal practical and lasting peace and security for all states and peoples without exception, the conference held that international tension should be reduced on a global scale.

In order to ease international tension and guarantee a durable peace all the hotbeds of tension should be removed.

The conference endorsed the view that a durable peace cannot be realized so long as acts of imperialist expansionist armed intervention and aggression against other countries were tolerated, and stressed that no country and nation should be left alone to fall prey to them.

The conference resolutely denounced the armed intervention and aggression of the imperialists against the Asian, African and Latin American countries which have embarked upon the road of building a new society.

The conference called upon the governments and people of all countries that they should not follow the U.S. policy of aggression and war, nor allow foreign military bases to be set up in their territory.

Should all the peace-loving people of the world be united and engage in the massive struggle for frustrating the imperialist policy of aggression and war, they would be able to prevent the danger of a new world war and safeguard world peace and security.

The progressive journalists of the world should actively join in the sacred struggle of the world peace-loving people to prevent a new world war through their energetic writings.

The conference appealed to all progressive journalists to vigorously mobilise all the peace-loving people the world over for the struggle against the imperialist policy of aggression and war and for safeguarding universal peace and security under the slogan of "Let us oppose war and safeguard peace."

Today it is more important than ever before for all countries, peoples and journalists to contribute to the common cause for preventing war.

The progressive journalists should give priority to the question of preventing war and safeguarding peace in their professional activities.

They should actively enlist the powerful mass media they have at their disposal, such as newspapers, the press agencies radio and television, in their endeavours to defend world peace and security.

The progressive journalists should expose in front of everybody those who intend to start a new war and destroy the peaceful life so that they can rise up as one against the imperialist policy of aggression and war.

In this connection the participants in the conference admitted that the danger of a new global war comes from the reckless policy of war pursued by the bellicose circles in the U.S.

The journalists should expose all the aspects of the aggressive ambition and global strategy of the U.S. authorities, the adventurous nuclear war plans to plunge mankind into an unprecedented nuclear holocaust, they should denounce their acts of aggression and intervention anywhere of the world. At the same time, they should lay bare the farce of disguise the imperialists resort to in executing their aggressive policies under the signboard of "peace".

In this way they should alert the general public opinion against U.S. imperialism and its "divide and rule" policy in any part of the world.

The progressive journalists should raise their voices to oppose the arms build-up and the arms race of the expansionist for general and complete disarmaments, for the dismantling of foreign military bases and for the withdrawal of all foreign aggressive troops, and for respecting the people's right to self-determination.

The world progressive journalists should make a positive effort to unite all those who aspire for mankind's security and peace irrespective of their political views, religious faith or social system, and involve them in the anti-war and peace movement.

As mediators of friendship among the peoples, the progressive journalists should create an atmosphere of mutual understanding and trust, peace and harmony, and awaken people not to be deceived by imperialist plots of division and alienation designed to create discord and antagonism".

The progressive journalists should play a vanguard role in the endeavours of the socialist forces, the national liberation, democratic, and non-aligned movements and of all other anti-war and peace forces the world over to form a united anti-imperialist, anti-war front, and strike, with concerted efforts and on all fronts, imperialists who intend to provoke a new war to prevent them from acting at will.

2

To support and encourage the people's struggle against imperialism and for independence is an important task for the world progressive journalists in their struggle to thwart imperialist schemes of aggression and war and to accomplish the liberation of mankind.

The conference called upon the world progressive journalists to extend their positive support for and solidarity with the people of the colonial countries fighting for national liberation and independence, with the people of the non-aligned countries and the world freedom-loving people fighting imperialist aggression and intervention and for the creating of a new life, and with the world peace-loving people fighting against the imperialist policy of aggression and war in defence of peace.

The conference expressed militant solidarity with the Palestinian people, led by the Palestine Liberation Organizations as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in their rightful struggle to liberate the country and restore their legitimate national rights.

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The Palestinian question is the heart of the conflict in the Middle East.

For the Middle East problem to be solved in a fair and comprehensive way the Israeli aggressors should immediately and unconditionally withdraw from the Arab territory they have occupied, and the right to an independent state and all other national rights of the Palestinian people should be restored.

The conference condemned the Israeli invasion of Lebanon of June 4, 1982 as well as the war of genocide against the peoples of Palestine and Lebanon; it demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

The conference demanded that the U.S. administration stop at once giving political and diplomatic assistance and military and economic aid to the Zionist aggressors, give up its aggressive ambitions in the Middle East, and withdraw from the region at once.

The conference expressed its support to the Arab people in their struggle for the defence of their national sovereignty against the Israeli invasion, for a solution to the Middle East problem in a fair and comprehensive way, and for the liberation of the occupied Arab territory.

The conference expressed its concern about the present situation in Cyprus and insisted the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the island, respect for the independence, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the country and its non-aligned policy and the solution to the Cyprus problem on the basis of the U.N. resolutions.

The conference expressed militant solidarity with the people of Namibia and South Africa in their struggle for liberation.

For the solution to the problem of Southern Africa, the policy of apartheid and extermination pursued by Pretoria racist rulers should be immdiately checked, the South African occupation army in Namibia should be withdrawn unconditionally and an end should be put to their barbarous armed invasion against the frontline states.

In this context, the conference condemned the illegal occupation of the southern part of Angola by the racialist regime of South Africa grossly violating by the sovereignty of that country, and argued its immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the territory it was occupying in the territory it was occupying in the People's Republic of Angola.

The conference resolutely condemned acts of barbarous aggression against the territory and people of the People's Republic of Mozambique designed to prevent this revolutionary country from giving its support to the liberation movements in Southern Africa.

The conference condemned South Africa's invasion of Lesotho, and expressed its hope that this shameful act would never be repeated again.

The conference vehemently demanded that the U.S. imperialism and its satellites should immediately refrain from giving financial and military aid to the racist regime of South Africa.

The conference welcomed the resolution adopted at the latest OAU Summit on Western Sahara and demanded that the resolution concerning self-determination for Western Sahara should be implemented by all the parties concerned.

The conference voiced its support for the just claim of the Island of Mauritius for its reunification with Diego Garcia.

The conference vehemently condemned the installation of a military base in the Atlantic off the coast of Honduras established there for the purpose of involving pro-imperialist troops of Central America in the U.S. army operations scenario.

The conference condemns the British occupation of the Malvinas and the aggression committed a year ago against those Argentinian territories, and demands that British forces be withdrawn from there.

In the same way, it voices its support for the rightful arguments of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean region for an end to be put to colonialism, for total sovereignty over their lands, for the recovery of their natural resources, and expresses its solidarity with the struggle the popular masses of this continent are waging for democracy, freedom and peace.

The conference called on the U.S. administration to stop at once its invasion and intervention against the revolutionary countries in Central America and the Caribbean region and to refrain from encouraging local reactionary forces and the reactionary military and dictatorial governments in their suppression of the patriotic democratic forces and in harassing the progressive countries in this region.

The conference expressed its support to and solidarity with the people of Europe in their efforts to achieve detente, to consolidate security, and to promote cooperation, and condemned the U.S. imperialist moves to deploy new type of nuclear weapon in Europe.

The conference backed the acts of initiative and endeavours taken by the European socialist countries and the peace-loving countries in opposition to the increase of American missiles in Europe and in their desire to realize disarmament and ensure lasting peace and security in Europe. The conference expressed its solidarity with the Asian people's struggle against the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression in Asia, against the rearmament and remilitarization of Japan for the safeguarding of peace and security and for the building of a new independent Asia.

The conference expressed the hope that the people of East Timor will decide their own destiny freely on the principle of the right to self-determination.

The conference expressed its support for the struggle of the peoples of the non-aligned and developing countries against all sorts of domination, subjugation, interference inequality, for the defense of their national soveriegnty, and for national independence and prosperity.

The conference called for all developing countries to pool their resources and share their technology and to increase their trade relations thereby creating a solid platform for Third World trade.

The conference expressed its confidence in the idea of non-alignment and supported without any reservation all the resolutions passed by and decisions taken by the 7th Non-Aligned Summit in New Delhi on issues concerning the developing world, and its struggle for peace, disarmament and for a new international economic order.

The conference underlines the need for unity of the non-aligned movement and expresses its awareness that there are forces which are out to divide and destabilize the movement and eventually undermine it.

Convinced that the non-aligned countries' interests are damaged by the existing world information system, the conference expresses its support for the efforts made by the non-aligned press agencies' pool with a view to developing co-operation and exchange of information among the news agencies of the non-aligned countries, and gives its full support to the non-aligned countries' endeavour to initiate a new world information order such as would conform to the people's interests to peace and to international co-operation. It expresses its satisfaction over the inauguration of the P.A.N.A. as an instrument of information in the service of Africa.

The conference voiced its support to the struggle waged by the working class and by democratic and progressive journalists in the capitalists countries in defiance of exploitation and suppression by the capitalists, and in their effort to attain the right to existence and to democratic liberty.

The conference expressed its full support for and solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle to secure peace in the Korean Peninsula and to achieve the peaceful reunification of their country.

It is a common desire of the progressive people the world over to eliminate the danger of war and ensure peace and security in the Korean Peninsula and to realize the Korean reunification at an earliest date.

The conference strongly demanded that the U.S. administration stop at once its new war exercises in south Korea, withdraw its troops, nuclear weapons and all other means of war therefrom, and dismantle its military bases as this might provoke a nuclear war.

The conference held that the Korean Armistice Agreement be replaced with a peace agreement, and the Korean Peninsula be turned into a nuclear-free, peace zone in order to ease tension, eliminate the danger of war and guarantee peace and security in Korea.

The conference vehemently condemned the criminal moves of the U.S. imperialists to form the U.S.-Japan-south Korea tripartite military alliance and deploy neutron bombs in south Korea.

Japan's involvement in the realization of the U.S. adventurous schemes and its militarization arouse uneasiness in many countries of Asia. This is not limited to Asia alone.

The conference scathingly condemned the arms build-up and war preparations against the DPR of Korea made by the south Korean authorities who are clamoring about a fictitious threat of "southward invasion" at the instigation of the U.S.

The conference expressed its firm solidarity with the Korean people's struggle against the "two Koreas" plot devised by the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, and for national reunification by founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

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It is necessary for the world progressive journalists to defend and further develop the progressive press with a view to carrying out an energetic struggle against imperialism and for peace and friendship.

The progressive mass media reppresent a popular means of expressing and advocating the interests and will of the popular masses; it is a just means of defending the truth and reality and rejecting falsehood and deception; it is also a revolutionary means opposing the reactionaries of history and propelling social progress.

All aritcles, essays and comments by the world progressive journalists should be the torch providing the masses of the people with energy, courage and confidence and illuminating the road ahead; they should be indictment strongly denouncing imperialism that blocks the advance of history.

The activities of the progressive press find their expression in opposing imperialism, and herein lies its justification and real sense of the media.

The progressive journalists should step up their energetic struggle against imperialism, thus safeguarding the peace and security of the world and positively contributing to the popular masses' sacred cause of freedom and liberation.

The progressive journalists are political fighters who are speaking for the interests and ideas of the people and rousing them to the advent of a new world, peaceful and prosperous.

Journalists are part of the subjective forces of peace and progress and as such they fight for the advent of more democratic and humane international political and economic relations without giving a free hand to imperialist greed, hegemony, subjugation and foreign domination.

It is the common desire and ideal of mankind to build a new world where imperialism and colonialism have been removed and the sovereignty of all countries and nations realized.

Progressive journalists should give wide publicity to the achievements made by the people of different nations of the world in the struggle to safeguard independence and sovereignty, bring about social progress and peace and establish a new international economic order.

It is up to progressive journalists of the capitalist countries to give more space to news concerning the achievements of the Third World countries in their struggle for their dignity, and to enhance those countries' public image as this is what imperialism is trying to discredit.

The conference calls on their American fellow-journalists of good will who love peace and justice to provide regular assessments of what the rich and the powerful are up to, to support the struggle of the working people of their own countries, and to try and make them see that their class interests are identical with those of the working people all over the world.

Similarly, it is necessary for progressive journalists of the Thrid World to inform their general public about the struggle waged by the masses of the people in the capitalist countries.

It is equaly their duty to give prominence to any information in favour of South-South co-operation, any achievements in this field, and to denounce, wherever necessary, any attempt to thwart such co-operation.

Progressive journalists of the world should avoid doing or publishing anything that might be turned against the masses of the people engaged in their struggle.

It is also their duty to systematically lift the smoke screen arbitrarly spread by imperialism. This refers, for instance, to daily acts of violence in South Africa, Latin America and Palestine or to big business scandals and other instances of upper class misbehaviour, all manner of contradictions and other examples of imperialists infighting, etc.

The progressive journalists can be neither onlookers of the times nor mere recorder of reality.

Journalists should defend justice and truth, expose the abuses, slanders and falsefood of the bourgeois propaganda and lay bare the true purpose and intetion pursued by the imperialist powers.

The conference confirmed the need to further develop the international democratic journalist movement under the banner of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace so as to more effectively contribute to the just cause of the people the world over.

The progressive journalists should make active efforts to strengthen the cooperation between international, regional and national journalist organizations and others progressive journalist's bodies in all countries in the struggle for independence against imperialism.

The conference expressed firm determination to thoroughly crush down the reactionary propaganda offensives of the imperialists by raising high the voice of truth, wielding the powerful pen of justice.

The pressmen hired by imperialism are conducting propaganda offensives seeking war and a frantic arms race, stirring up hatred and enmity and sowing the seeds of discord and antagonism among countries and nations, thereby creating a psychological atmosphere of a new war.

They are stifling people's voice of justice, propagating distorted facts by fabricating falsehood and stubbornly spreading the virus of decadent reactionary ideas corroding man's sound thinking.

The progressive journalists should thoroughly denounce the imperialists' reactionary propaganda full of slander, falsehood and deception and correctly lead the public opinion by giving them an accurate analysis of the international events and the development of the situation.

The conference scathingly denounced the imperialists and their stooges for their machination for intensified suppression and persecution of the journalists who are performing their duties for friendship and peace against imperialism everywhere in the world.

Suppression of the progressive press by the imperialists should be stopped at once, and genuine freedom of speech and press guaranteed in all parts of the world.

The conference expressed the resolution to resolutely oppose the imperialists' monopoly and arbitrariness in the field of news services, and to positively strive for the establishment of a new international order of information.

The old international order of information which is the consequence of colonial rule fosters relations of dependence and domination in its field.

The progressive journalists should thoroughly denounce the imperialists' false and reactionary news offensives through their struggle to put an end to the imperialists' arbitrarines in the field of news services and to establish a new international order of information.

The progressive journalists of the world should strengthen mutual co-operation and exchanges to successfully carry out the sacred duties entrusted to them by the present time and history.

Anti-imperialism, friendship and pace – that is the banner of solidarity for the world progressive journalists. The participants in the conference expressed their determination to firmly unite and closely cooperate under this banner.

The conference confirmed the necessity for a more vigorous promotion of exchanges and co-operation among the progressive journalists in various forms and ways: The exchange of radio and television programmes, the prize contest for articles and other works covering the themes of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace, the joint publication of newspapers, magazines and books, education, interchange of journalists and the supply of facilities according to mutual accomodation, and the like.

The participants in the conference expressed the conviction that the current conference will render great services to further developing the international movement of progressive journalists in favour of the realization of the cause of opposing imperialism, safeguarding peace and security and strengthening friendship among the peoples.

Task of World Journalists against Imperialism And for Friendship and Peace

Report of Chairman Kim Gi Nam

Kim Gi Nam, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists Union, delivered a report on "Task of the world journalists against imperialism and for friendship and peace", the first agenda item on Jul. 2. (Subtitles are ours . . . Ed.)

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Noting that the current world conference of journalists is of great importance in the struggle of the progressive mankind and journalists against the imperialist aggression and war manoeuvres and for the building of a new world, peaceful and prosperous, he said:

Growing Danger of New World War

In contrast with the daily growth of the anti-imperialist, independent forces of the world in international arena the imperialist, reactionary forces are deteriorating, dealt one blow after another within and without.

In an attempt to recover their lost position and maintain and expand their domination the U.S. imperialists are out in full force for aggression and plunder.

The Reagan administration which is known to be more bellicose than any of its predecessors is clamouring about so-called "powerful United States", making no disguise of its ambition to dominate the world. The achievement of this ambition is the general strategic aim of the U.S. administration.

The global strategy of the United States aims at holding in check and suppressing with "strength" the socialist and democratic forces and all other progressive forces the world over.

As is generally acknowledged by the world public and press circle the U.S. imperialists are in preparation of a new world war.

What cannot be overlooked in this connection is the accelerated preparation of the adventurous nuclear war on the part of the American ruling circle.

While stepping up its preparations for a nuclear war U.S. imperialism is dispatching a large number of aggression troops to the major areas of natural resources and the areas of strategic importance on the pretext of what it calls "protection of concessions", "guarantee of security" and so on, and is incessantly performing all kinds of bestial activities against the progressive countries; military threat and blackmail, interference in their internal affairs, subversion and sabotage, and undisguised armed intervention.

The United States, in a bid to seize the Middle East, has made the Israeli Zionists its "storming party" to escalate its manoeuvres of aggression and war against the peoples of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and other Arab countries.

In the southern part of Africa U.S. imperialism has the Pretoria racists clamp down on the struggle of the South African and Namibian peoples for national liberation and independence by means of force and continually perpetrate military provocations against Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and other progressive neighbouring countries.

To destroy the revolutions in Cuba, Nicaragua, Grenada and Surinam the U.S. imperialists resort, on the one hand, to the policy of political and economic blackmail and, on the other, enlist their troops and reactionary forces to make military interventions. Repressive operations are also overtly performed against the anti-dictatorship, liberation struggle of the peoples of El Salvador and other parts of this region.

The United States is giving spur to strengthening of the NATO with a view to ensuring "predominance in strength" in Europe.

Meanwhile U.S. imperialism is intensifying psychological war against the socialist countries.

Asia is an important target in the world strategy of U.S. imperialism. Korea bears the brunt of the U.S. imperialists' Asian strategy. Bluttring that the Korean Peninsula is the "test ground of showdown in the 1980s", "the frontline of the U.S. strategy" and the like, the present American ruling circles keep hold on south Korea as their colony and military bridgehead and are accelerating preparations for a war, a nuclear war to attack the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and other Asian countries.

What cannot be connived at in the aggression policy of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean and the Asian people is the scheme to forge a tripartite military alliance of the U.S., Japan and south Korea.

Through the formation of the military alliance, the U.S. seeks to hasten the rearmament and remilitarization of Japan, to realize its control and domination over the Asian countries by using Japan as a proxy, to saddle Japan with a big share of operation assignment, to increase military expenditure and beef up armed forces.

The Japanese reactionaries, taking advantage of the U.S. strategy towards Asia, are scheming to realize their old dream of the "Greater East-Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" and dashing forward toward a great military power, blatantly talking about the "unsinkable aircraft carrier", "protection of 1,000 miles of seaways" and the "blockade of three straits". The south Korean puppets are fronted in executing the war policies of the U.S. and Japanese masters as their foul stooges.

The tripartite military alliance of the U.S., Japan and south Korea is a tool for collective armed intervention geared to "crusade expedition" against all the Asian people including the people of Korea and Southeast Asia.

Reality shows that the aggression and war manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists find no limitation in any continent or region.

The danger of new global war exists not only in Asia and the Middle East but also in Africa, Central America and Europe.

Against Domination, Subjugation of Imperialism

The obtaining situation requires that the world progressive journalists wage an active struggle for thwarting aggression and war machinations of the imperialist expansionists and for safeguarding world peace and security.

We, the progressive journalists who regard it as their lofty duty to fight for the just cause of the people, should join the masses of the people in the just struggle for safeguarding peace and preventing war.

Most important here is to lay bare the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and the criminal acts.

We must fully disclose the U.S. imperialists' anti-revolutionary world strategy and adventurous nuclear war plan, destructive activities and subversive plots, and the interference in the internal affairs and undisguised armed aggression in all parts of the world.

We should properly expose to the popular masses the hard fact that the endless expansion of the armaments by the imperialists leads to intensifying the tension, increasing the danger of war, imposing on the people heavier taxes for military expenditure and destructing the people's livelihood.

The world progressive journalists should render their all-out support to the people's struggle to withdraw foreign military bases and troops in other countries, dismantle military blocs and create nuclear-free, peace zones in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Middle East and other areas of the world.

At the same time, they should positively support the people in their struggle to prohibit the test, production, stockpile and use of nuclear weapons and to realize the universal and complete disarmament in all areas of the world.

The important task now confronting the progressive journalists of the world is to resolutely fight against the domination and subjugation of imperialism and for *chajusong* (independence) of the countries and nations.

The world progressive journalists should lay bare the aggressive nature and crafty methods of the imperialists' neo-colonialist policy, thereby clearly explaining to the popular masses that imperialism never makes present of independence to the colonies nor can it help the latter in their independent development and building of a new society, nor can it give up political domination and economic plunder.

We should propagandize that the people of the new-emerging countries should not only adhere to *chajusong* in politics but also build an independent national economy in the spirit of national and collective self-reliance and establish a new international economic order in order to consolidate national independence and sovereignty and build a new society with success.

It is a stereotyped war method of the imperialists and colonialists to drive others to a charge to shed little blood and get trophies at the sacrifice of others.

To Form an Anti-Imperialist, Anti-U.S. Joint Front

In order to avert war and safeguard peace it is necessary to baffle the crafty methods of the U.S. imperialists to involve other countries in their war policy and prevent all the countries from following such policy of the United States.

The progressive journalists of the world must arouse broad public opinion so that all the countries maintain *chajusong* and the West European countries and Japan in particular, do not share the U.S. war vehicle under its command.

We must actively inspire all the countries and nations to oppose the interference and domination of U.S. imperialism and march forward towards an independent world.

An independent world means a world where domination and subjugation of the imperialists and colonialists have been wiped out,

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The World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace was held on July 2–6 in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK.

Report of General Secretary of IOJ

Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organisation of Journalists, made a report on "The task of the journalists of the world against imperialism and for friendship and peace", the first item on the agenda, at the plenary meeting on July 2.

In his report he said that the conference opened at a time when 33 years have passed since the U.S. imperialists started a war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and 30 years since the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed.

We have observed every year a month of solidarity with the Korean people and this year, too, we have an opportunity to affirm our solidarity with them in this period, he noted, and said: Many of us did their bit in exposing the criminal nature of the Korean War and defending the just cause of the Korean people.

We journalists have supported the Korean people, and with our reports we roused world public opinion and helped frustrate the imperialist plans in this region. This task still remains and demands our full attention.

At that time imperialism, notably U.S. imperialism, despite all setbacks, tried to destroy the people's regime of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and turn the whole of it into an advance base of U.S. imperialism in opposing her neighbours. The U.S. ruling circles still refuse to discard this aim. They want to repeat their attempt which miscarried at that time.

We have an opportunity to discuss what we can do in accord with our professional mission and thereby contribute to the cause of peace and truth in view of the present world situation.

We should note that due to the reckless policy of imperialism, the aggressive ruling quarters of the United States in particular, the world situation has been dangerously aggravated.

The international situation is growing acute day by day and a train of powder is being laid to unleash a war.

In the Middle East the United States is giving all possible aid to the Israeli aggression. It is egging on Israel to step up preparations for another war against the Palestinian Arab people, Syria and Lebanon.

One more hotbed of the dangerous war is the aggressive policy of the South African apartheid regime, continued occupation of Namibia by South Africa and its moves to cause instability in the progressive countries of Southern Africa.

In the Caribbean region the imperialists are following the road of threat, pressure and violence and persistently seeking the purpose to subdue socialist Cuba in particular and, at the same time, the liberation movement of Nicaragua, Grenada and El Salvador and other countries in this region.

The U.S. policy makers are doing their level best to prevent the elimination of nuclear threat in Europe and trying to ignite a war in Asia. The U.S. Defence Department is directing particular attention to the militarization of the land of south Korea.

Along with this, measures are being taken to strengthen military cooperation between the United States and Japan and form through this a tripartite military alliance of the United States, Japan and south Korea.

The U.S. Defence Department has not only turned south Korea into a big nuclear base network but also is trying to reinforce its nuclear armory with neutron weapons in south Korea.

The danger to world peace is very grave indeed. The Warsaw Treaty member nations are making every into effect the vast disarmament steps on the principles of equality and balanced security.

The present situation is alarming and demands our proper reaction. The plan to turn Europe into an area of thermonuclear holocaust is confronted with ever more decisive resistance of all people who love peace and life. We should be aware that the responsibility for such struggle rests not only with the states and governments but also with world public opinion and more groups, movements and political parties representing people with different professions.

In this context it is a very important event to effect a new upsurge in the activities of the journalists and form special organisations and groups of journalists who fight for peace against war in various countries.

When the different conceptions of journalistic occupation are expressed irrespective of development of the present situation and difference in journalistic ethics of various countries, it is necessary to strive for unity of action for peace against war.

He further said:

World peace and security can be realised only by universal and complete disarmament.

Journalists organisation and all other organisations should cooperate with all international organisations which are actively participating in the struggle for peace and disarmament.

Information is universal and more powerful means. The question of who will be the master of the world poses an essential one for its future.

The delegates of journalists from nearly 40 countries of the world can discuss the urgent problem and exchange experiences needed in the struggle for peace in different parts of the world at this world conference of journalists convened by Korean comrades for the second time with the cooperation of fraternal regional journalists organisations and the International Organisation of Journalists.

Let us animate our activities for peace, understanding and cooperation between countries through this conference.

Let us make this conference a call for letting all honest-minded colleagues join hands with us.

Let us make this conference manifest active solidarity with the suffering journalists.

To Wield Pen of Justice to Expose and Condemn Imperialists' Crimes

The progressive journalists of the world should wield the pen of justice to expose and condemn thoroughly the aggressive crimes of the imperialists and at the same time support and encourage in every way the anti-imperialist, anti-war peace struggle of the popular masses.

I render, in the name of the conference, warm support and encouragement to the struggle of the peoples and journalists of all the Asian countries to attain the independent development and prosperity of the country against the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression and the remilitarization of Japan and create nuclear free, peace zones in the vast areas of Asia and the Indian Ocean.

I, in the name of the conference, denounce resolutely the U.S. imperialists' intervention and war policies against Middle East and the Israeli Zionists' aggressive manoeuvres against the Arab countries and demand that the United States take hands off the question of Middle East and the Israeli aggressors withdraw immediately and unconditionally from all the occupying areas. I render militant solidarity to the struggle of the Palestinian people for freedom and liberation and the struggle of the peoples and journalists of all Arab countries to safeguard the country's sovereignty and realize the Arab cause.

In the name of the conference I would like to extend militant greetings to the SWAPO and ANC of South Africa unfolding liberation struggle and solidarity with the just struggle of the African people and journalists for independence, sovereignty, social progress and unity.

Allow me also to vehemently condemn, in the name of the conference, the barbarous aggression of the U.S. imperialists against the Central American and Carribean countries and express resolute support to the righteous struggle of the people of Nicaragua against the aggression and intervention of U.S. imperialism and the righteous struggle of the people and journalists of Central and South American countries including the people of El Salvador who are carrying out liberation struggle with arms in their hands. My firm solidarity also goes to the struggle of the people and journalists of all the Latin American countries for independence, sovereignty and the building of a new society.

On behalf of the conference I support the initiatives of the European socialist countries and the peace-loving countries and their efforts to oppose increase of nuclear weapons and to ensure peace and security and render firm solidarity to the struggle of the people and journalists of all countries of the world for safeguarding peace against the U.S. imperialist policy of nuclear war.

I express a militant solidarity with the peoples and journalists of the non-aligned countries in their struggle against the imperialist policy of war and neo-colonialist subjugation and for safeguarding the peace and accomplishing the independent development and national prosperity.

I also avail myself of this opportunity to send solidarity to the struggle of the people of all strata and progressive journalists of the capitalist countries for peace and democracy and the right to existence.

We, the progressive journalists, should hold fast to and develop progressive press in order to realize the idea of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace.

The suppression of the progressive press by the imperialists must be stopped and true freedom of the press and speech be ensured everywhere in the world.

The progressive journalists of the world should raise vigorously the voice of truth to cope with reactionary ideological offensives of the imperialists and their stooges. Thus the journalists must be the stirrers and organizers of public opinions who meet the aspirations and demands of the popular masses and lead their opinions to a correct road and the standard bearers who rouse the people to a powerful anti-imperialist struggle.

The progressive journalists of the world must actively struggle to establish a new international information order.

We must put an end to the monopoly and arbitrariness of the imperialists and thoroughly smash their deceptive and reactionary report offensives by strengthening in every way the mass media seized by us. Along with it there should be brisk exchange of information and increased contacts and cooperation of mass media.

We should strengthen contacts and exchanges, friendship and solidarity with all the conscientious journalists of the world who treasure justice and truth and love peace, expand our ranks and fortify the position of the progressive press.

The cause of the progressive journalists of the world who are fighting to defend the requirement of the times and aspirations of the people and for their realization will, by all means, win the victory.

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independence and sovereignty of all nations completely realized and a durable peace unsured devoid of war.

The unity of all the progressive forces and anti-war peace forces of the world is the reliable guarantee of victory in checking the aggression and war policies of the U.S. imperialists and attaining the independent development of the countries and nations.

The progressive journalists of the world should instil in the people the idea that the unity of all the progresive forces and anti-war peace forces will prevent war and achieve peace but split only help the imperialists in their war policy.

We should raise the voices of opposing any attempt to cause antagonism and confrontation among the progressive and peace forces and fan disputes and the interference of the imperialist forces, and urge that disputes be settled by peaceful means on the principle of unity and in conformity with the interests of nations and the anti-imperialist independent forces as a whole. By doing so we must see to it that all the progressive forces of the world form an anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. joint front, make collective attack on the U.S. imperialists from all sides to bind them hand and foot so that they may not run amuck arbitrarily and the struggle of the world people for peace and democracy, national independence and social progress make a triumphant onward march.

Speech of President Guiding Compass for Progressive Press

Speech of General Secretary Jiri Kubka

Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organisation of Journalists, made a speech at a grand banquet arranged by President Kim Il Sung at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on July 3 for delegations and delegates participating in the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace.

He said respected Comrade President Kim Il Sung whom not only the Korean people but also the world people deeply revere arranged a grand banquet for them and have made a very significant speech.

He continued:

It is a great honour for us that respected Comrade President Kim Il Sung attaches such a great importance to the activities of the progressive journalists of the world.

Allow me to extend heartfelt, deep thanks, on behalf of the entire delegates participating in the conference, to you for your hospitality accorded us and for your inspiring speech.

14 years ago the World Conference of Journalists against U.S. Imperialism was held here in Pyongyang, the beautiful capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

At that time, too, you accorded kind hospitality to all the delegates to the conference, personally attended the conference and inspired us with your wise idea to the struggle for the development and strengthening of the world progressive journalists movement.

Your speech greatly encouraged the progressive journalists of the five continents in the struggle for the victory of the cause of justice and anti-imperialism, in the struggle for the progress of mankind and for world peace.

The progressive journalists of the world have again gathered in Pyongyang in the idea of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace fourteen years after the historic Pyongyang world conference of journalists.

The current conference is being held amid cordial hospitality of the Korean people and under excellent conditions where everything has been fully provided.

Such excellent conditions provided by you respected Comrade President make the current conference a very significant meeting contributing to the cause of anti-imperialism, friendship and peace.

The speech you have just made, like your speech at the World Conference of Journalists against U.S. Imperialism 14 years ago, is an important guiding compass for the development and strengthening of the world people's cause of anti-imperialism and peace and the progressive press.

While staying in Korea this time, we have witnessed with irrepressible admiration the leaping successes made in industry, agriculture, culture and all other domains and the vigorous advance the Korean people, rallied close around you and the Workers' Party of Korea, are making full of confidence in victory and optimism for reunification of the country and for greater progress.

Amazing changes and progress made in Korea under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and the cordial hospitality accorded by you Comrade President and your people make us further confirm the determination to discharge the lofty mission we assumed before the times and history.

We will participate in the work of the conference with a high sense of responsibility to make the current conference a meeting of unity, a meeting of friendship of world journalists against imperialism and for peace.

And upon return home, we will make all efforts to carry out the tasks put forward by the conference in our press activities.

In conclusion he proposed a toast to the reunification, development and prosperity of Korea, to world peace and progress, to the friendship and solidarity among the peoples, to the development and strengthening of the progressive press and to the good health and long life of respected Comrade President Kim Il Sung, and to the good health and long life of the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il.

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List of Delegations, Delegates to World Conf. of Journalists

Follows the list of foreign delegations and delegates to the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace.

A delegation of the information of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar headed by Rakotomavo Bruno, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Malagasy Vanguard of Revolution and Minister of Information, Ideological Instruction and Cooperativization;

James Frank Mitchell Leech, Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Canada and Editor-in-Chief of "Canadian Tribune", the organ of the Party;

Delegate of the organ of the Greek Communist Party (of the interior) "April" Giannaros Grecoire, Executive Member of the Central Committee of the Greek Communist Party (of the interior) and director of the paper;

A delegation of Yugoslav journalists headed by Aleksandar Bakocevic, Member of the Presidency of the Federal Conference of the Socialist Alliance of the Working People of Yugoslavia and General Director of the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug;

A delegation of the Council of Journalists of the Romanian Socialist Republic headed by Ion Cumpanas, President of the Council and Director General of the Romanian News Agency Agerpres;

A delegation of the All-China Journalists Association headed by Wang Yi, Permanent vice-Chairman of the Association;

A delegation of the Journalists Union of Algeria headed by Chaibi Abdelhamid, deputy Secretary of the Union;

A delegation of Propaganda and Information of the MPLA-Workers' Party headed by Higino de Oliveira Chiquito, Chief of a Section of the Propaganda and Information Department of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Workers' Party;

Journalist Christopher Ray, delegate of "Tribune", the organ of the Communist Party of Australia;

Delegate of the organ of the Communist Party of Austria "Volks Stimme" Werner Pirker, redactor of the paper;

Max Verworner, Editor-in-Chief of the Austrian paper "Agrawelt";

A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan, Editor-in-Chief of the Bangladesh paper "Holiday";

Delegate of the Bangladesh paper "New Nation" Amanullah Kabir, editor in charge of information of the paper;

Norman Faria, delegate of Barbados papers "Barbados Advocate" and "Brek-Loose";

Maurits Van Liedekerke, journalist of the Belgian paper "WIJ";

Mario Espinosa Osorio, journalist of the Bolivian paper "Ultima Hora";

A delegation of the Ministry of Information of Central Africa headed by Mandazou Ballet Albert, Director of Press and Information of the Ministry;

Delegate of the Trade Union of Journalists of Costa Rica Verney Quiros Herrera, Financial Secretary of the Trade Union;

A delegation of the Union of the Journalists of Cuba headed by Carlos Mora, Deputy General Secretary of the Union;

Jose Luis Robaina Garcia, Beijing correspondent of the Cuban News Agency Prensa Latina;

A delegation of the Czechoslovak Journalists Union headed by Josef Valenta, editor of "Zivot Strany", organ of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Union;

Delegate of "Land of Folk", organ of the Communist Party of Denmark Lau Laursen, Berlin correspondent of the paper;

Delegate of the Danish Journalists Association Uffe Torm, editor of the magazine "Udvicling";

Delegate of the Ecuadorian "Voluntad" Publishing House Humberto Oritiz, manager of the Publishing House;

Delegate of the Ecuadorian National Journalists' Union Alberto Maldonado Salazar, director of the Ecuadorian magazine "Cambio";

Delegate of the National Journalists Union of El Salvador Francisco Guzman, General Secretary of the Union;

Raymond Moti, reporter of the Radio Braodcasting Station of Fiji;

A delegation of the Journalists Union of the German Democratic Republic headed by Chairman of its Central Committee Eberhard Heinrich;

Gunter Labunu, a journalist of "Unsere Zeit", organ of the German Communist Party;

Delegate of the West German magazine "Neue Politik" Wolff Wessler, editor in charge of international politics;

Rober Govender, Editor-in-Chief of the British paper "Asian Times";

A delegation of British journalists headed by British journalist Keith Bennett;

Delegate of the organ of the Communist Party of Greece "Rizospastis" Thanassis A. Paparigas, a journalist of the newspaper;

Keith Joseph; editor of the paper of Grenada "Free West Indian";

Delegate of the Association of the Democratic Journalists of Guatemala Mario Carpio Nicolle, General Coordinator of the Association;

A delegation of journalists of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic headed by Amara Kaba, deputy to the National Assembly and General Director of "Horoya", the organ of the Democratic Party of Guinea;

A delegation of journalists of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana headed by Adam Harris, Editor-in-Chief of "New Nation", the organ of the People's National Congress of Guyana;

Delegate of the Union of Journalists of Honduras Enrique Palacios Garcia, Honorary Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Union;

A delegation of the Hungarian Journalists Union headed by Fodor Laszlo, editor of the Hungarian paper "Nepszava";

Agnes Bragadotiir, a journalist of "Timinn", the organ of the Progressive Party of Iceland;

Komarudin Hidayat, a journalist of the Indonesian magazine "Panji Masyarakat";

A delegation of "Ettela'at" publications of Iran headed by Ali Reza Shirani, Managing Director of the Iranian paper "Ettela'at";

Delegate of the organ of the Italian Socialist Party "Avanti!" Sandro Sabbatini, a journalist of the paper;

Gerolamo Brunetti, Beijing Bureau Chief of the Italian news agency "Ansa";

Delegate of the organ of the Japan Socialist Party "Shakai Shimpo" Nukui Hiroshi, Chief Editor of the paper;

Kita Katsuji, Deputy Chief of the Broadcasting Section of the Program Department of Television Asahi of Japan;

Kajitani Yoshihisa, critic of Japan and General Director of the Japan-Korea Society for Cultural Exchange;

Abdul Jabbar, Manager Editor of the Kuwaiti magazine "Sout el Khaleej";

Mohamad Said Al Nahlawi, General Manager for Ahlan Special Association of Kuwait and a journalist;

Luxemburg journalist A.M. de Sterio;

A Maldives journalists delegation headed by Ibrahim Rasheed Moosa, Chief Editor of "Haveer" daily paper of Maldives;

A delegation of journalists of Malta headed by Anthony Farrugia, Editor-in-Chief of the Maltese paper "It-Torca";

A delegation of the Mexican Union of the Democratic Journalists headed by Luis Suarez, its Secretary;

A delegation of Dutch TV reporters headed by Almar Tsepkema, a journalist of the Dutch "Vara" TV Station;

Don Polly, editor of the paper of New Zealand "Te Awa Iti";

Delegate of the organ of the Communist Party of Norway "Friheten" Erling Segelstad, Organisational Secretary of Bergen region of the Party and Member of the National Committee of the Union of Communist Youth and Journalist;

A delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation headed by Mohamed Ismail Bakleh, Deputy Chief of the Foreign Information Department of the PLO;

Delegate of the Federation of Journalists of Peru Amadeo Julian Arrieta, vice-President of the Federation;

A Polish journalists delegation headed by its Secretary General Andrzej Maslankiewicz;

Delegate of St. Lucia Joseph Cox, Chief of the Information Office of St. Lucia;

Delegate of the organ of the Communist Party of San Marino "La Suntilla" Santi Georges, director of the paper;

An Information delegate of the Republic of Sierra Leone Donald Davies, Senior Information Officer of the Ministry of Information and Radio of Sierra Leone;

A delegation of the Ministry of Information and National Guidance of the Somali Democratic Republic headed by Khalif Muse Samatar, vice-Minister of Information and National Guidance of Somalia;

Armando Lopez Salinas, Subdirector General of "Mundo Obrero", the organ of the Spanish Communist Party;

Paul Del Pozo, journalist of the Spanish paper "Pueblo";

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Journalists of Switzerland Hans Stettler and Eva Caflisch;

A delegation of Tanzanian journalists headed by A.M. Ngororo, Director of Information of the Ministry of Information and Culture;

A delegation of Thai journalists headed by Kamhaeng Paritanon, President of the Confederation of Thai Journalists and News Editor of the Thai paper "Daily News";

Delegate of the paper of Trinidad and Tobago "Challenge" Trever Smith, director of the paper;

A delegation of information of the Republic of Tunisia headed by Ben Abdalah Ahmed, Secretary of Principal Redaction of the Tunisian paper "Al Amal";

Khouildi Nejib, Editor-in-Chief of the Tunisian paper "Al Bayane";

A delegation of Turkish journalists headed by Yildirim Dagyeli, editor of the magazine "Secenek";

Delegate of the organ of the Communist Party of the United States "Daily World" Tim Wheeler, Chief of the Washington branch of the paper and member of the National Council of the Party;

Delegate of the U.S. paper "Guadian" William A. Ryan, Editor-in-Chief of the paper;

Delegate of the Press Association of Uruguay Nelson Bissotti, Member of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Delegate of the magazine of the Yemen Arab Republic "Adwa El Yemen" Abdel Razak Farfour, Editor-in-Chief of the Magazines.

A delegation of the Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America headed by Alex Laguma, Collaborator of the Organisation;

Delegate of the International Organisation of the Radio and Television Ales Poledne, Editor-in-Chief of the Organisation;

Delegate of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation Chitta Biswas, Deputy Secretary General of the Organisation;

A delegation of the International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea headed by Guy Dupre, Secretary General of the Liaison Committee and Secretary General of the National Institute of Sciences of the General Confederation of France;

Delegate of the International Committee of Jurists for Democracy and Human Rights in South Korea Monique Simon, Executive Secretary of the Committee;

Delegate of the World Federation of Democratic Youth Kallil Elias, vice-President of the Federation;

Delegate of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation S.M. Ali, Regional Communication Adviser for Asia and the Pacific;

Manich Sooksomchitra, President of the Confederation of Asean Journalists;

Delegate of the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations Dan Birliba, vice-President of the Movement and vice-Director of the Foreign Relations Department of the Union of the Communist Youth of Romania;

Delegate of the World Federation of Trade Unions Emilio Pereira, Chief of Document Center;

Delegate of the International Union of Students Vladimir Zlatinov, vice-President of the Union;

Delegate of the Rwandan Journalists Mugiraneza Vincent, Second Councillor of the Rwandan Embassy in China.

A delegation of the Mongolian Union of Journalists headed by N. Myatav, First vice-Chairman of the Information, Radio and Television Committee of Mongolia;

Dragoslav Rancic, special correspondent of the Yugoslav paper "Politika";

Delegate of the organ of the French Communist Party "L'humanite" Laurent Ballouhey, Beijing and Pyongyang correspondent of the paper.

Delegate of information of the Kingdom of Lesotho Moroesia Khionbare, Director of Information of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

Saber Falhout, vice-President of the Arab Federation of Journalists;

A party and government delegation of the Republic of Seychelies headed by Guy Sinon, Secretary-General of the Seychelles People's Progressive Front and Chairman of the Seychelles Solidarity Committee of the Peaceful Reunification of Korea;

A delegation of the Union of Journalits of Syria headed by Saber Falhout, Chairman of the Union of Journalists and Director General of Syrian Arab News Agency;

Delegate of the Journalists' Association of the Antioquia State, Colombia, Jaime Tobon Liano;

A delegation of journalists of Nigeria headed by Duro Onabule, active member of the Union of Journalists of Nigeria and vice-Editor of the paper "National Concord";

Juan Vincente Requejo, Editorial Chief of the Peruvian paper "El Observardor" who is head of the delegation of journalists of Peru, and Anthony Wilson;

Delegate of the paper "The Star," the organ of the Labour Party of St. Vincent and Grenadines, and its deputy editor.

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and arouse them to the struggle for disarmament and peace.

The U.S. imperialists are trying to strengthen their strategic positions in the Far East in collusion with Japan and the south Korean rulers and scheming to turn this region into a springboard for realising their heinous aggressive design against the sovereign states in Asia, Zouvkov Ivan said.

He stressed that the journalists should continue to struggle against imperialism and for peace and friendship of the world people in the future, too.

Verney Quiras Herreya, delegate of the Journalist Trade Union of Costa Rica, said the struggle of the peoples of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala is advancing triumphantly. The U.S. imperialists and their stooges can never halt their triumphant advance, Verney Quiras Herreya stressed.

The wise guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il, the speaker emphasized, is completely indicating the road of all the struggle against imperialist aggressors.

Mimun Chati, delegate of the Pool, said the mass media and all the journalists of the world are faced with heavy tasks to arouse public opinion and turn back the development of the present situation spelling great calamities to the people. If these tasks are to be reliably carried out, they should conduct positive activities, the speaker pointed out.

Prem Kumari Pant, delegate of the Nepalese weekly "Mirror," said: The division of Korea has not only brought sufferings to the Korean people but also has become a source that obstructs peace and security in the Korean Peninsula and the world.

The most correct way of solving the question of Korea's reunification lies in the proposal of founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo set forth by the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, she said.

Aleksandar Bakocevic, head of the Yugoslav journalists delegation, stressed that the world peace-loving people and the non-aligned countries in particular would powerfully support the Korean people's struggle for forcing the U.S. troops out of the Korean Peninsula and achieving independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The progressive and democratic forces, he noted, should strive to prevent the aggravation of the international situation.

The reality of the international relations requires an active struggle for dismantling all the military blocs, ensuring noble world peace and building such a world free from imperialist domination and enslavement, the speaker said.

Imeru Klorku, head of the Ethiopian journalists delegation, said that the extensive stock-piling of arms by the U.S. imperialists in Europe, Asia, Africa and other parts of the world has further increased tension in the world.

He further said: Journalists have a very powerful weapon. Let it be employed for the realisation of the aspirations of mankind – for peace, security, happiness and progress of the human society.

Alex La Guma, head of the delegation of the Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, said the organisation calls upon all the progressive and revolutionary peace-loving people the world over to demand the release of the south Korean political prisoners and immediate withdrawal of all the U.S. imperialist forces from south Korea.

Pak Dong Chun, head of the delegation of journalists of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun), said that the journalists, the mouthpiece of justice and truth, should play the role of vanguard fighters in the struggle for making the world independent. The cardinal task facing us journalists in this struggle is to wage a joint struggle against the imperialists who encroach upon the sovereignty of other countries and nations and for defending it, he stressed.

The Korean journalists in Japan, he noted, will strengthen solidarity with the progressive men of the press in Japan and struggle more stubbornly for checking and frustrating the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression and war in Japan, the Korean Peninsula and in the Far East and building an independent new Asia.

Petkor Ryusafe, delegate of the Bulgarian Journalists Union, stressed that the journalists should actively strive to lay bare the attempts of the United States and its allies.

Noting that he came to Korea for expressing support to the just struggle of the fraternal Korean people for peaceful reunification of the country, he shouted "Long live Korea!"

Third-Day Session

A debate on "the support and solidarity of the journalists of the world to the Korean people in their cause of reunification," the second item on the agenda, took place at the session.

Rakotomavo Bruno, head of the government information delegation of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, spoke prior to the debate.

He proposed to the conference to approve the inclusion of the speech made by President Kim Il Sung at the banquet on July 3 among the official documents of the conference.

Speaking next Amara Kaba, head of the delegation of journalists of Guinea, expressed active support to this proposal and proposed to the conference to adopt a letter of thanks to President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in its name.

Fully supporting and approving these proposals, the attendants adopted as an official document amid stormy applause "Let Us Shatter Imperialist Moves towards Aggression and War and Safeguard Peace and Independence," the speech made by President Kim Il Sung at a banquet he arranged in honour of the attendants of the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace.

Li Jong Won, head of the journalists' delegation of "Hyokmyong Chonson," the organ of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification in South Korea, made the keynote report on the second item of the agenda at the session.

He was followed on the rostrum by delegates of many countries and international organisations.

Ernesto Vera, Vice-President of the International Organization of Journalists, said:

Journalists of all the continents have gathered at one place to support the policy for peaceful reunification of Korea which Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, put forward, reflecting the desire of the entire Korean people.

It is none other than the U.S. imperialists who caused the national tragedy of division forced upon the Korean people.

We support the constructive proposals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to force the U.S. occupation troops out of south Korea and reunify the country without any foreign interference.

The world's progressive journalists express full solidarity with the Korean people's struggle for attaining this noble historical goal.

We consider that the peaceful reunification of Korea will contribute to the normalization of the situation and consolidation of peace on the Korean Peninsula and promotion of the friendly relations among the nations in this region.

The IOJ members will struggle in support of this noble goal.

Albert A. Freiha, member of the delegation of Lebanese journalists, said: The division of Korea is the target of the tensions and instability on the Korean Peninsula and its surrounding areas. Korea's reunification is an urgent task not only for the national interests of the Korean people but also for peace in Asia and the world.

The U.S. Government must withdraw its aggression troops from south Korea and stop its interference in the internal affairs of Korea, he stressed.

Fourth-Day Session

The general speeches on "the support and solidarity of the journalists of the world to the Korean people in their cause of reunification," the second item on the agenda, continued at the session.

It was announced at the session, to begin with, that 46 congratulatory messages and letters had come so far to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, from the heads of party and state, political parties, public organisations, journalists' organisations and individual personages of many countries on the occasion of the world conference of journalists. Then a message of greetings from His Excellency Ahmed Sekou Toure, General Secretary of the Guinean Democratic Party and President of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic, was read out at the session.

It was also announced that 33 congratulatory messages and letters had come to the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il, Member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, and Secretary, of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, from political parties, public organisations, journalists organisations and individual personages.

This announcement was followed by speeches of delegates of 50 countries and international organisations.

Kamel Zoheiry, head of the Egyptian journalists delegation, said: We have most sincere and beautiful sentiments for the heroic Korean people under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the wise fighter and thinker.

The criminal plan of the U.S. Government to deploy neutron bombs in south Korea poses a grave threat to peace and security in Korea, Asia and the world, he said.

Hundreds of millions of people all over the world who love peace and justice, he said, can not overlook this plan.

He fully supported the proposal for the founding of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

Amara Kaba, head of the delegation of journalists of Guinea, proposed to send letters of thanks with ardent reverence to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il who have brought about great changes to heroic Korea.

He expressed invariable warm support of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic to the Korean people's struggle for independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Japanese critic Yoshihisa Kajitani, General Director of the Japan-Korea Society for Cultural Exchange, said that the Japanese reactionaries are committing plunder of south Korea in collusion with the south Korean ruling circles and running wild to form a triangular military alliance of the United States, Japan and south Korea, taking advantage of the Far Eastern strategy of the U.S. imperialists.

We journalists, he noted, are under obligation to inform the popular masses of the cause of the tragedy of the Korean division, the obstructions of the Japanese and U.S. imperialists to the reunification of Korea and their moves to turn the Korean Peninsula into a theatre of nuclear war.

Alberto Maldenado Salazar, delegate of the Ecuadorian National Journalists Union, said that it is of very weighty significance that the speech of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the banquet he arranged in honor of the delegates participating in the World Conference of Journalists against Imperialism and for Friendship and Peace was adopted as an official document at the conference.

Noting that the duty of the world's progressive journalists is to be soldiers for the cause of Korea's reunification, the speaker stressed: Because Korea's is the cause of mankind and of the world people for sovereignty.

A.N. Thomas, Editor-in-Chief of the Gambian magazine "Sahel International" and chief of the Gambian Group for the Study of the Juche Philosophy, said:

The U.S. imperialist presence in south Korea does not only pose a threat to the Korean Peninsula but to Asia and the free world as a whole. It is therefore the duty of all peace-loving people to concert our bits to vigorously fight the presence of U.S. occupation forces wherever their nefarious activities are taking place.

Armando Lopez Salinas, sub-Director General of the organ of the Spanish Communist Party "Mundo Obrero", said that the struggle for peace in Korea is a struggle for peace in Asia, Europe and, furthermore, in the whole world. The world progressive press circles should lift up a voice in their struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from south Korea, this prerequisite to the realisation of denuclearisation in Korea, he stressed.

The speaker declared that members of the Spanish Communist Party and its publication would always render full support to the Korean people in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification.

Joseph Cox, delegate of ST. Lucia, said:

In my mind the realistic and reasonable way to reunify the country independently, peacefully and on the principle of great national unity is to bring the north and south together into a confederal state leaving the social systems existing in the north and south, as put forward by the great leader President Kim Il Sung at the 6th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Noting that the world progressive journalists should extend firm solidarity with the Korean people in the just cause for the country's reunification, he stressed that President Kim Il Sung is a great leader possessed of distinguished prestige in the world.

Pyongyang on Reagan's Planned Visit to Seoul

Reagan's plan of dangerous south Korean tour must be checked for the cause of peace in Korea, Asian and the world.

Rodong Sinmun (organ of the CC of the WPK) on July 2 said this, commenting on U.S. President Reagan's plan to pay an "official visit" to south Korea via Japan in November.

The author of the commentary titled "Dangerous Aggressive Junket of Warmaniac" said this scheduled junket to south Korea for meeting Chon Du Hwan, who has become a target of the hatred and curse of all the honest-minded people of the world, is a trip which cannot be overlooked.

The commentary said:

Reagan's plan to visit south Korea shows how wild the U.S. is running to realise its aggressive designs on Korea at any cost.

Reagan's plan is one more clear proof that the Americans are directing the spearhead of aggression against Korea, attaching the greatest importance to her in their strategy for world domination and are trying to strengthen their colonial domination over south Korea by using such truculent military fascist as the traitor Chon Du Hwan as their stooge.

Since he came to power Reagan has pursued the policy of aggression on Korea more viciously than his predecessors. He completely nullified even the deceptive "troops pullout" plan of his predecessor in the Korean policy, proclaimed the permanent military occupation of south Korea in an undisguised way and is frantically stepping up preparations for a new war against the Korean people, while extensively reinforcing the U.S. armed forces under the name of "implementation of commitments." He is the most vicious and bellicose chieftain of aggression who has brought the tension in Korea to the highest pitch.

Through his south Korean tour the U.S. ruling circles intend to show the "solidness" of "alliance" between the United States and south Korea and their support to the south Koreans and thus give a shot in the arm of the puppet clique of Chon Du Hwan totally isolated at home and abroad and further encourage them to brutal fascist suppression and northward invasion racket.

Reagan's scheduled visit to south Korea is also aimed at finally completing the formation of a triangular military alliance of the United States, Japan and south Korea and further hastening preparations for a new war of aggression in Korea.

Calling the Korean Peninsula a "testing ground for showdown of strength" in the 80s, Washington worked out an "emergency plan" of the United States, Japan and south Korea for a Korean war and are now persistently staging military exercise in and around south Korea.

There is no doubt that Reagan, the boss of the U.S. imperialists, has the intention to make a decision to light the detonating fuse of a war after directly examining and confirming the war preparations during his visit to south Korea.

The commentary said that the projected south Korean tour of Reagan is similar with that of the notorious warmonger Dulles in March 1950 who ordered the provocation of the aggressive war in Korea.

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